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# THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

**Monday, the 24th December 1956.**

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

## I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

## STARRED QUESTIONS.

*Provident fund accounts of teachers in aided institutions*

* 125 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) the authority entrusted with the custody of used-up pass books of provident fund accounts of teachers in aided institutions; and

(*b*) whether there is any proposal to change the present system with regard to the custody of such pass books?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) The District Educational Officer (the Inspectress in the case of girls' schools) is the custodian of the used-up pass books of the provident fund accounts of teachers.

(*b*) No, Sir.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Do the Government know that the delay in the closure of Provident Fund accounts is largely due to the delay in the tracing of these pass books? Will the Government kindly see if they cannot transfer the custody of these used-up pass books to the managements of the schools themselves?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I am not able to give the reason why the District Educational Officer or the Inspectress has been made the custodian of the used-up pass-books. There should have been some reason for it. Now that the hon. Member has made the suggestion, I shall certainly have it examined.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Due to the failure to trace some of the pass-books in the Inspector's or Inspectress's office, ledger entries are being obtained and to my definite knowledge some of the managements charge the cost of obtaining these ledger entries to the teachers at the time of the closure of accounts. Will the Government instruct the managements that the cost of obtaining all such ledger entries should be borne by the managements themselves?

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The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM: That will be a matter between the management and the teacher concerned. But, in view of the suggestion made by the hon. Member, I shall have the whole thing examined.

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHI: Did the Government reopen the correspondence with the Postmaster-General in the matter of opening voluminous pass-books of 60 pages of six lines on each page in the case of teachers to cover their 30 years' service so that there may not be the need for continuation pass-books? On a suggestion made by me, this proposal was taken up by the Government with the Postmaster-General.

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM: I would like to have notice.

*Industrial Housing and the Pallikkarani Swamp Reclamation Schemes*

* 126 *Q.*—Sri T. PURUSHOTHAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that an American Expert was deputed by the United Nations at the instance of the Amalgamations Limited, Madras, to submit a report on the Industrial Housing and the Pallikkarani Swamp Reclamation Schemes (Chingleput district);

(*b*) if so, whether the Government have perused the report of the said Expert; and

(*c*) whether the Government have any proposal for the improvement of the area in the light of the recommendations of the said Expert?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU: (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, Sir.

(*c*) No.

Sri T. PURUSHOTHAM: Will the Hon. Minister give us the details of the report of the expert and state why no action has been taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU: The experts were invited at the instance of the Amalgamations Limited and the good offices of the Government of India were utilized for getting the experts. The experts after examination, have submitted a scheme by means of which the salt water could be prevented from inundating the cultivable land. As regards industrial development, it is reported that a "rural city" could be established there. The estimated cost of the scheme was Rs. 7 crores. So, everybody was frightened at the figure and there it is. Meanwhile, the Government have not been keeping quiet. They have a less costly scheme. They have now ordered that the salt water be prevented to a certain extent by means of a scheme costing Rs. 15,000 by putting up a dyke.

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